

**BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF</b>	)	<b>CASE NO. FRC-T-99-1</b>
<b>FRETEL COMMUNICATIONS, LLC FOR A</b>	)	
<b>CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE</b>	)	
<b>AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE LOCAL</b>	)	
<b>EXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS</b>	)	
<b>SERVICES.</b>	)	<b>ORDER NO. 28248</b>

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On September 23, 1999, Fretel Communications, LLC. (Fretel) filed an Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide local exchange service within the state of Idaho. Its Application states that Fretel was organized to provide message telecommunication service and competitive local exchange services. Fretel states that it intends to provide competitive local exchange services in the areas of the state served by U S WEST. Fretel has an interconnection agreement with U S WEST that has been approved by the Commission.

On November 30, 1999, the Commission issued a Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure to process the Application. Staff filed written comments on January 3, 2000, recommending approval of Fretel's Application conditioned upon the posting of a \$10,000 bond by the Company. Fretel has agreed to obtain a \$10,000 bond to protect customer deposits.

**COMMISSION FINDINGS**

Based on our review of the record, including Staff's recommendation, we find that the Application of Fretel complies with Procedural Order No. 26665 and the Commission's Rules to obtain a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. We therefore approve Fretel's Application for a Certificate to provide local exchange telecommunications service and competitive local exchange services within the areas of the state served by U S WEST, conditioned upon the posting of a \$10,000 bond by the Company.

**ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Fretel Communications, LLC is granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide local telecommunications services within the

areas of Idaho currently served by U S WEST, conditioned upon the posting of a \$10,000 bond by Fretel.


THIS IS A FINAL ORDER. Any person interested in this Order may petition for reconsideration within twenty-one (21) days of the service date of this Order. Within seven (7) days after any person has petitioned for reconsideration, any other person may cross-petition for reconsideration. See *Idaho Code* § 61-626.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this *4th* day of January 2000.

Commissioner Hansen was out of the  
office on this date.  
DENNIS S. HANSEN, PRESIDENT

  
MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER

  
PAUL KJELLANDER, COMMISSIONER

  
Myrna J. Walters  
Commission Secretary

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